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FOR: Press Pad Containing Fluoro-
elastomer or Fluorosilicone
Elastomer

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Dear Sir:

- 1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicant encloses a Second Form PTO-1449, copies of the references cited thereon, and a copy of a European Search Report dated June 28, 2001 in the counterpart European application.
- 2) In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance and is accompanied by the required fee of \$180.00 (covered in the enclosed Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038). Any fee deficiency or additional fee may be charged to Deposit Account 50-0507.
- 3) The present references AJ, AK and AL are in English. Reference AM is accompanied by an English Abstract. Reference AM discloses a press pad that may include a cushioning layer of a potting compound that may comprise a silicone elastomer or a fluorosilicone elastomer. Reference AN corresponds to reference AJ from which its relevance can be determined in English. No further discussion of the references is necessary.
- 4) Moreover, the enclosed Search Report indicates the degree of relevance of each of the references by category (A = technological background, general state of art; D = document cited in application; P = intervening publication; X = relevant for anticipation or obviousness when considered alone). Thereby, any requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance has been satisfied (see M.P.E.P. §609).

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- 5) The other references listed on the European Search Report were cited as references AD and AE in our IDS of May 31, 2001, and as reference N in the Office Action of December 4, 2002.
- 6) Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider all references of record, return an initialled copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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